

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound of formula I



wherein

R^1 is halogen, CN, OCN, NCS, NO_2 or an alkyl radical with 1 to 30 C atoms which may be unsubstituted, mono- or polysubstituted by halogen or CN, optionally one or more non-adjacent CH_2 groups being replaced, in each case independently from one another, by -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N(CH_3)-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -OCO-O-, -S-CO-, -CO-S-, -CH=CH- or -C \equiv C- in such a manner that oxygen atoms are not linked directly to one another, or alternatively has one of the meanings of R^2 or is $\text{P}-(\text{Sp-X})_n$,

P is a polymerizable group,

Sp is a spacer group with 1 to 25 C atoms,

X is -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -OCO-O-, -CO-NH-,
-NH-CO-, -OCH₂-, -CH₂O-, -SCH₂-, -CH₂S-, -CH=CH-COO-, -OOC-CH=CH-
or a single bond,

n is 0 or 1,

MG is a mesogenic group, and

R^2 is straight-chain or branched alkyl with 1 to 25 C atoms which may be unsubstituted, mono- or polysubstituted by halogen or CN, optionally one or more non-adjacent CH_2 groups being replaced, in each case independently from one another, by -O-,

-S-, -NH-, -N(CH₃)-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -OCO-O-, -S-CO-, -CO-S-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C- in such a manner that oxygen atoms are not linked directly to one another, and which is substituted with at least two identical or different groups P.

2. (Previously presented) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is not a polymerizable group.

3. (Original) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ has one of the meanings of R².

4. (Original) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein MG is of formula II



wherein

Z is -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -CO-NH-, -NH-CO-,
-CH₂CH₂-, -OCH₂-, -CH₂O-, -SCH₂-, -CH₂S-, -CH=CH-,
-CH=CH-COO-, -OCO-CH=CH-, -C≡C- or a single bond,

A¹ and A² are each independently 1,4-phenylene in which, in addition, one or more CH groups are optionally replaced by N; 1,4-cyclohexylene in which, in addition, one or two non-adjacent CH₂ groups are optionally replaced by O and/or S; 1,4-cyclohexenylene; 1,4-bicyclo(2,2,2)octylene; piperidine-1,4-diyl; naphthalene-2,6-diyl; decahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl; or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalene-2,6-diyl; all these groups optionally being

unsubstituted, mono- or polysubstituted with F, Cl, OH, CN, NO₂ or alkyl, alkoxy, alkylcarbonyl or alkoxy carbonyl groups having 1 to 7 C atoms wherein one or more H atoms may be substituted by F or Cl, and

m is 1, 2 or 3.

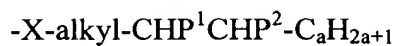
5. (Original) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein P is selected from CH₂=CW-COO-, WCH=CH-O-, CH₂=CH-Phenyl-(O)_k-

and $\text{WHC} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \text{O} \diagdown \\ \text{---} \end{array} \text{CH=}$, with W being H, CH₃ or Cl and k being 0 or 1.

6. (Original) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein R² is substituted with 2, 3, 4 or 5 identical or different polymerizable groups P.

7. (Previously presented) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein R² is a group of one of the following formulae

-X-alkyl-CHP ¹ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ P ²	Ia
-X-alkyl-C(CH ₂ P ¹)(CH ₂ P ²)-CH ₂ P ³	Ib
-X-alkyl-CHP ¹ CHP ² -CH ₂ P ³	Ic
-X-alkyl-C(CH ₂ P ¹)(CH ₂ P ²)-C _a H _{2a+1}	Id
-X-alkyl-CHP ¹ -CH ₂ P ²	Ie
-X-alkyl-CHP ¹ P ²	If
-X-alkyl-CP ¹ P ² -C _a H _{2a+1}	Ig
-X-alkyl-C(CH ₂ P ¹)(CH ₂ P ²)-CH ₂ OCH ₂ -C(CH ₂ P ³)(CH ₂ P ⁴)CH ₂ P ⁵	Ih
-X-alkyl-CH(((CH ₂) _a P ¹))((CH ₂) _b P ²)	Ii



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wherein

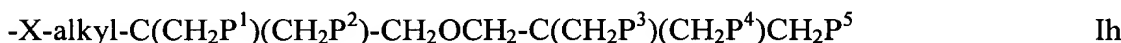
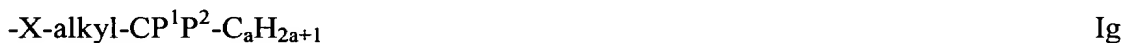
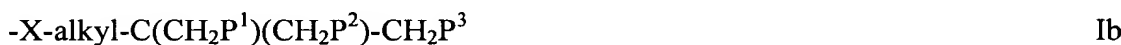
alkyl is straight-chain or branched alkylene with 1 to 12 C atoms which may be unsubstituted, mono- or polysubstituted by halogen or CN, one or more non-adjacent CH₂ groups optionally being replaced, in each case independently from one another, by -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N(CH₃)-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -OCO-O-, -S-CO-, -CO-S-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C- in such a manner that oxygen atoms are not linked directly to one another,

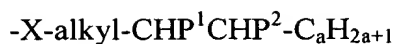
a and b are identical or different integers from 0 to 6,

X has one of the meanings given in formula I, and

P¹ to P⁵ independently have one of the meanings of P given in formula I.

8. **(Previously presented)** A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 5, wherein R² is a group of one of the following formulae





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wherein

alkyl is straight-chain or branched alkylene with 1 to 12 C atoms which may be unsubstituted, mono- or polysubstituted by halogen or CN, one or more non-adjacent CH₂ groups optionally being replaced, in each case independently from one another, by -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N(CH₃)-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -OCO-O-, -S-CO-, -CO-S-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C- in such a manner that oxygen atoms are not linked directly to one another,

a and b are identical or different integers from 0 to 6,

X has one of the meanings given in formula I, and

P¹ to P⁵ independently have one of the meanings of P given in formula I.

9. (Previously presented) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 7, wherein alkyl is -(CH₂)_c-, with c being an integer from 1 to 12.

10. (Original) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein each P is independently of each other acrylate, methacrylate, vinyl, vinyloxy, epoxy or p-vinylphenyloxy.

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17. (Previously presented) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 8, wherein alkyl is -(CH₂)_c-, with c being an integer from 1 to 12.

18. (Previously presented) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein MG is a group of one of the following formulae II-1 to II-25 or a mirror image thereof:

-Phe-Z-Phe-	II-1
-Phe-Z-Cyc-	II-2
-Cyc-Z-Cyc-	II-3
-PheL-Z-Phe-	II-4
-PheL-Z-Cyc-	II-5
-PheL-Z-PheL-	II-6
-Phe-Z-Phe-Z-Phe-	II-7
-Phe-Z-Phe-Z-Cyc-	II-8
-Phe-Z-Cyc-Z-Phe-	II-9
-Cyc-Z-Phe-Z-Cyc-	II-10
-Phe-Z-Cyc-Z-Cyc-	II-11
-Cyc-Z-Cyc-Z-Cyc-	II-12
-Phe-Z-Phe-Z-PheL-	II-13
-Phe-Z-PheL-Z-Phe-	II-14
-PheL-Z-Phe-Z-Phe-	II-15
-PheL-Z-Phe-Z-PheL-	II-16
-PheL-Z-PheL-Z-Phe-	II-17
-PheL-Z-PheL-Z-PheL-	II-18
-Phe-Z-PheL-Z-Cyc-	II-19
-Phe-Z-Cyc-Z-PheL-	II-20
-Cyc-Z-Phe-Z-PheL-	II-21
-PheL-Z-Cyc-Z-PheL-	II-22
-PheL-Z-PheL-Z-Cyc-	II-23
-PheL-Z-Cyc-Z-Cyc-	II-24
-Cyc-Z-PheL-Z-Cyc-	II-25

wherein Phe is 1,4-phenylene, PheL is a 1,4-phenylene group which is substituted by 1 to 4 groups L, with L being F, Cl, CN, OH, NO₂ or an optionally fluorinated alkyl, alkoxy or alkanoyl group with 1 to 7 C atoms, Cyc is 1,4-cyclohexylene and Z are independently -O-,

-S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -CO-NH-, -NH-CO-, -CH₂CH₂-, -OCH₂-, -CH₂O-, -SCH₂-,
-CH₂S-, -CH=CH-, -CH=CH-COO-, -OCO-CH=CH-, -C≡C- or a single bond.

19. (Previously presented) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein Sp is a linear or branched alkylene group having 1 to 20 C atoms, in which one or more non-adjacent CH₂ groups are optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N(CH₃)-, -CO-, -O-CO-, -S-CO-, -O-COO-, -CO-S-, -CO-O-, -CH(halogen)-, -CH(CN)-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-.

20. (Previously presented) A multireactive polymerizable mesogenic compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a chiral alkyl radical with 1 to 30 C atoms which may be unsubstituted, mono- or polysubstituted by halogen or CN, optionally one or more non-adjacent CH₂ groups being replaced, in each case independently from one another, by -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N(CH₃)-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -OCO-O-, -S-CO-, -CO-S-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C- in such a manner that oxygen atoms are not linked directly to one another.